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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Hal Ford's, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
staff, Request on our Reporting on China

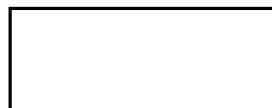
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STAT The other day I took Hal Ford in my car on the trip to NPIC and used the opportunity to talk with him about the request he had made to [redacted] on the so-called strengths and weaknesses of our reporting on China. (See [redacted] note attached.) I told Ford that we had some difficulty with the idea of our preparing a critique on our reporting on China. He redefined his request and said that what he really wanted was to get a better understanding of the problems involved in reporting on China; what sources do we have that we feel are relatively reliable and what difficulties are we having in acquiring information on China. I believe this puts the request in a slightly different perspective and makes it a more legitimate one. I have discussed my conversation with Ford with [redacted] and would recommend that his people go ahead with a draft paper which we and you could review before sending it to Ford.

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Attachment

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